

Burrillville

Recreation Commission

RE: Minutes, June 8, 2009

Present: Cheri Hall, Director Al Low

Kurt Schatz, Chair Juliette Lopez-Recinos

Alice Lavigne, Secretary David Marcotte

Absent: -----

Excused: Al Gerew, Vice Chair and L. Kevin McDonald

Guests: -----

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Kurt Schatz, Chair, at the Burrillville Parks and Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, R.I.

Motion to accept minutes of May 4, 2009 Public Hearing by Dave Marcotte. Seconded by Al Low. Motion passed 4-0.

Motion to accept minutes of May 11, 2009 regular meeting by Alice Lavigne. Seconded by Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Motion passed 4-0.

Correspondence:

None

Good & Welfare:

The Director reported that the recommendation to name of the new Shippee Bridge Park as the “Louis Bleiweis Memorial Park” is on the May 10, 2009 Town Council agenda. At the same May 10, 2009 Town Council meeting will be the adopting of the new budget.

Old Business:

2009-2010 Budgets/League

The Director reported that any changes to the league budgets would have to wait until the final decisions of the adopting of the budget are made by the Town Council. It is believed that the amount of approximately \$2,100 is being cut leaving approximately \$32,000 for league budget. Once the final decision is made, a Recreation Commission meeting will be planned for the allotment of league funds.

On another note, the Director reported that the Men’s Softball League is being very difficult regarding the collection of the new field use fees recently implemented. The league was allowed to pay on a weekly basis but have not honored that agreement. The league has also been utilizing the fields during non-permitted weekdays and turned all the lights which peaked the electricity. Dave Marcotte questioned if this was being done intentionally. Juliette

Lopez-Recinos stated she understood that only one person had access to the lights. The Director stated that only one set of light room keys were given to Girls softball but another set was borrowed for one day and possibly copied. When the lights were peaked, the Director had the light room door padlocked to not allow unauthorized access with the only access by one representative of Girl's softball.

Dave Marcotte questioned if a letter has been sent to the Men's softball league regarding nonpayment of field use fees. The Director stated the league has been contacted via e-mail regarding the nonpayment issue. Dave Marcotte stated that something needs to be done regarding this issue since these fees are utilized currently to maintain the fields. Town Manager Mike Wood stated to pull the permit if the field use fees are not being paid. Enforcement would be to be requesting the police department to not allow field use by the league. Juliette Lopez-Recinos questioned if there was a policy written regarding late fees as part of the field use fee structure and then the permit would be pulled. No late fees were part of the field use fee policy. The Director reported that all other fees by other field users are up to date with Men's Softball currently four weeks behind. Kurt Schatz stated a letter should be written regarding the outstanding amount owed and notifying that the permit will be pulled if the overdue fees are not paid. Dave Marcotte recommended that a policy be instituted where all field use fees are required to be paid up front for the entire season. Al Low verified that currently there is only one key out for the new padlock installed on the light room door and

if the fire department needed access they could cut that one padlock or a key lockbox could be installed with limited access being allowed.

The Director reported that a cooler has been placed next the light room without permission. Steve Pichie was contacted and told to contact Ted Garrille of the Pascoag Utility District to gain electricity in the other building on site with a separate electric meter installed and paid for by Little League/Girls Softball League. The league was told the cooler has been unplugged and has to be removed. Juliette Lopez-Recinos stated that since the representative for Girls softball is the only person with access to the light room and is at the field every day, then that representative would be the one responsible for all the lights being turned on. Dave Marcotte stated that if it is not that representative then someone else would have a key to the light room. Ted Garrille is investigating if more information can be found regarding the lights being turned on all at once. The Director reported this might force the lights being turned off totally due to the higher costs. The Director reported that the Youth Football League also has one key to the light room assigned to them but that key was turned in at the end of the season. The only group that did not return their keys at the end of the season last year was Men's Softball. Dave Marcotte stated the cost for Men's Softball would only be \$5 per player for the season to pay for the field use fees.

Pedestrian/Bike Path

The Director stated that the Pedestrian/Bike Path information was already discussed at the beginning of the meeting with the approval of the Public Hearing minutes.

Spring Lake Beach

The Director reported the beach is doing well and opening full time as of Saturday. A lot of work has been completed including a broken sewer pipe being repaired by Roto-Rooter. The building painting process will begin again in August.

Recreation Vehicle

The Director reported that at the Burrillville Extended Care meeting held last Monday, June 1, 2009, it was approved for \$12,500 to be allotted from Burrillville Extended Care towards the purchase of a vehicle to be utilized by Parks & Recreation. The Town Manager was having the Department of Public Works look into the vehicle being purchased be an extended cab truck to allow for a plow. The Director e-mailed the Town Manager stating a truck would not be best for the department with a S.U.V. being more suitable. Juliette Lopez-Recinos stated that the Town Council is also recommending for a van. The Director stated a four-wheel drive S.U.V. would be more suitable since she has gotten stuck in the mud previously and is called out in all kinds of weather. It was mentioned that Animal Control might have an extra truck available due to a position being eliminated. Juliette Lopez-Recinos stated that at a recent Town Council meeting she clarified how the funds were being allotted with

\$12,500 from Burrillville Extended Care and \$12,500 from Spring Lake Beach funds, not \$19,000 only being allotted from Burrillville Extended Care. The Town Council did approve the expenditure for a new vehicle. The Director reported that the Ford Escape that is on the state bid site could be utilized but it might be beneficial in the current economy to go out to bid for possible lower pricing since the state bid site is almost a year old.

Park at Shippee Bridge

The Director reported that the rails are currently being installed at the park at Shippee Bridge and Marie Esposito is donating half the plants and two of the tables being picked up tomorrow. Dave Marcotte questioned if the bridge construction will affect the park. The Director reported that if there is any damage due to the bridge construction, the state will correct the damage. Pictures will be taken to show the current state of the park before the bridge construction has begun. The dedication of the park will take place just prior to the annual Duck Race on August 23, 2009. More information regarding the ceremony will come at future meetings.

New Business:

Senior Meal Site

The Director reported making the Recreation Center a senior meal site is currently under consideration. The ramp has been repaired to allow for meals to be wheeled from the van into the building. The Department of Health would have to approve the building as a meal

site. The only other current senior meal site in Burrillville is Bradford Court with approximately 10 to 15 people attending. The Senior Center in Chepachet had 48 Burrillville residents from January to April. A survey was going to be performed but the Town Manager stated it was not necessary. On the Town Council agenda for Wednesday, June 10, 2009, a request from Shirley Hodson for a special election in September for a Senior Center has been recommended. Dave Marcotte stated that he thought it was already approved by the Town Council to delay plans for a Senior Center.

The Director shared with the Recreation Commission the flyer regarding the Pascoag Block party scheduled for June 20th from 12 to 5 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion made Juliette Lopez-Recinos. Seconded by Al Low. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m. Motion Passed 4-0.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2009 at 6:30 p.m., Burrillville Parks & Recreation Offices, 92 North Main Street, Pascoag, RI 02859.

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